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SUBJECT: FRETILIN ASKS UNITED STATES SUPPORT FOR
MODERATED TIMOR RESOLUTION

1. AMBASSADOR WELLS AND MISOFF MET WITH JOSE RAMOS HORTA, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF FRETILIN AT THE UNITED NATIONS, ON JUNE 22. HE FURNISHED US WITH THE "VERY MODERATE" PROPOSED TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION ON THE SELF-DETERMINATION OF TIMOR THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE CO-SPONSORS OF LAST YEAR, AND IS CURRENTLY BEING CIRCULATED BY THE CO-SPONSORS TO A SELECTED GROUP OF NATIONS WHO ABSTAINED LAST YEAR IN THE HOPE THAT THE MODERATED LANGUAGE OF THIS RESOLUTION WILL PERSUADE SOME OF THEM TO VOTE FOR THE RESOLUTION THIS YEAR. HE MENTIONED THAT PERHAPS SPAIN AND SOME LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS ARE INTERESTED IN THIS APPROACH. HE ASKED THE US TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITIES OF ABSTAINING ON THIS ISSUE, NOTING THAT LAST YEAR HE HAD MADE THE SAME REQUEST TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND POINTING OUT THAT THE US WAS THE ONLY WESTERN POWER TO VOTE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION.

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2. RAMOS HORTA ARGUED THAT INDONESIA IS LOSING THE MILITARY WAR IN EAST TIMOR, AND THAT FRETILIN BELIEVES THAT UNLESS THE TIMOR QUESTION IS SETTLED (BY THE INDEPENDENCE OF TIMOR), THE STABILITY OF ALL INDONESIA MAY BE UNDERMINED. HE AFFIRMED THAT FRETILIN BELIEVES THAT A STABLE INDONESIA IS TO THE INTEREST OF AN INDEPENDENT EAST TIMOR, AND THAT FRETILIN DOES

NOT FAVOR THE DISMEMBERMENT OF INDONESIA. IN FACT, FRETILIN REJECTS WEST TIMOR INSURGENTS' ASPIRATION FOR A UNIFIED, INDEPENDENT TIMOR. IN THE OPINION OF FRETILIN A RESOLUTION ON EAST TIMOR PROBLEM WOULD BE TO THE ADVANTAGE OF GOI IN DEALING WITH WEST TIMOR. (THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION IS FOUND IN PARA 6 BELOW.)

3. RAMOS HORTA ALSO SAID THAT AMBASSADORS OF THE CO-SPONSORING GOVERNMENTS HAD DECIDED LAST WEEK TO GO TO THE SYG, INDIVIDUALLY, AND ASK WHAT HIS OFFICE WAS GOING TO DO TO IMPLEMENT THE RESOLUTION THAT WAS PASSED BY LAST YEAR'S GA. (ACCORDING TO RAMOS HORTA THE SYG FORMALLY NOTIFIED THE GOI OF THE REQUESTS CONTAINED IN THAT RESOLUTION, AND THE GOI FORMALLY REJECTED THE REQUESTS.)

4. RAMOS HORTA SAID THAT WHILE VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE WAS IN INDONESIA, THE GOI HAD AGREED TO LET THE ICRC INTO EAST TIMOR BUT SOON AFTER HE LEFT REPUDIATED THIS AGREEMENT.

5. RAMOS HORTA SAID THAT FRETILIN CLAIMS THAT TWELVE US MILITARY ADVISORS HAVE BEEN IN EAST TIMOR SINCE MID-MAY. HE SAID THAT FRETILIN REMAINS FIRMLY CONVINCED THAT ONLY THE US CAN BE AN AGENT OF CONFIDENTIAL

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TRANSITION FOR A FREE TIMOR AND A MORE STABLE INDONESIA, AND THUS THE RESOLUTION HAD BEEN DEVELOPED WITH THE US IN MIND, AND IN SPITE OF THE ALLEGATIONS OF THE PRESENCE OF US MILITARY ADVISORS. COMMENT: USUN WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT OR JAKARTA MAY HAVE ON THE SOURCE AND VALIDITY OF SUCH ALLEGATIONS. END COMMENT.

6. THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION DOES NOT SINGLE OUT INDONESIA FOR CRITICISM, WHICH LAST YEAR'S DID, NOR DOES IT SPECIFICALLY REJECT INTEGRATION INTO INDONESIA. TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION FOLLOWS:

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- THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
- RECOGNIZING THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF ALL PEOPLES TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES, CONTAINED

IN ITS RESOLUTION 1514 (XV) OF 14 DECEMBER 1960,

- HAVING EXAMINED THE CHAPTER OF THE REPORT OF
THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING
OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES
RELATING TO THE TERRITORY,

- HAVING HEARD THE STATEMENT OF THE REPRESENTATIVES
OF PORTUGAL AND INDONESIA,

- HAVING ALSO HEARD THE STATEMENT OF THE
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FRENTE REVOLUCIONARIA DE TIMOR
LESTE INDEPENDENTE, FRETELIN,
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- MINDFUL THAT ALL STATES SHOULD, IN
CONFORMITY WITH ARTICLE 2, PARAGRAPH 4, OF THE CHARTER,
REFRAIN IN THEIR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FROM
THE THREAT OR USE OF FORCE AGAINST THE TERRITORIAL
INTEGRITY OR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANY STATE, OR
IN ANY OTHER MANNER INCONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES
OF THE UNITED NATIONS,

- DEEPLY CONCERNED AT THE CONTINUING WAR IN THE TERRITORY WITH LOSS OF LIFE AND DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTIES,

- 1. REAFFIRMS THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE AND THE LEGITIMACY OF THEIR STRUGGLE TO ACHIEVE THAT RIGHT;

- 2. REAFFIRMS ITS RESOLUTIONS 3485 (XXX), 31/53 AND 32/34 AND SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 384 (1975) AND 389 (1976);

- 3. CALLS UPON THE CONFLICTING PARTIES, THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF FRETILIN, TO IMMEDIATELY OBSERVE A CEASE-FIRE AND
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TO ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE WITH A VIEW TO END HOSTILITIES AND ALLOW THE PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR TO EXERCISE FREELY THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE;

- 4. REQUESTS THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION ON THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES TO KEEP THE SITUATION IN THE TERRITORY UNDER CONSIDERATION;

- 5. CALLS UPON THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA AND THE LEADERSHIP OF FRETILIN TO FACILITATE THE ENTRY INTO EAST TIMOR OF HUMANITARIAN AND RELATED ORGANIZATIONS IN ORDER TO ALLEVIATE THE SUFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE;

- 6. DECIDES TO INCLUDE IN THE AGENDA OF ITS 34TH SESSION AN ITEM ENTITLED "QUESTION OF EAST TIMOR".
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